

Baccalaureate and
Commencement Exercises

of the

One Hundred Seventy-Second Academic Year

of

Centenary College of Louisiana

Saturday, the Third of May

Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Seven



Gold Dome

Two-Thirty o'Clock

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL: *"Pomp and Circumstance"*Centenary Wind Ensemble
Edward ElgarProfessor Thomas Stone, Conductor

*NATIONAL ANTHEMCentenary College Choir

*INVOCATIONThe Reverend Jayne Trammell-Kelly
Chaplain, Centenary College

*HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*led by Centenary Wind Ensemble
and Centenary College Choir

*Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sun-ward, in the triumph song of life.*

SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 43:1-5*The Reverend Trammell-Kelly

ANTHEM *"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"*Grotenhuis
Centenary College Choir
Dr. Will Andress, Conductor

LITANYThe Reverend Trammell-Kelly

LEADER: Our lives are a journey, a road that goes ever forward.
It is a road that begins with our birth, winds its way through meadows
and mountains, crosses rivers, and explores canyons.

PEOPLE: *For the bread that has sustained us on our journey,
and the guides who have led us, we offer thanks and praise, O God.*

LEADER: We pray for those whose journey has brought them to this place
as students, teachers, staff, parents, trustees, and friends.

PEOPLE: *In the landscape of your abounding love
we know there are unfathomed paths leading to tomorrows.*

LEADER: We pray for days ahead when all of your children shall walk
upon a green and fruitful earth, unafraid of war, unencumbered by want,
untroubled by pain or loneliness, selfishness or uselessness.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Students Being Graduated With Academic Honors:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Michelle Mae Estrella
Emily Janelle Glass
Tiffany Lynn Hanson
Brian Gregory Johnson
Kristen Jennifer Mavico
John Keegan McConnell
Heather Lea McLelland
Melanie Joy Mendenhall
Dawn Sharee Montague
Jennifer Clark Pearson
Julie Erin Sarpy
Callie Anne Stanley
Annette Floyd Stewart
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Shawna Lea Williamson

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Mark Joseph Arcemont
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Robert Steven LeGrow
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Kathryn Anne Pattullo
Brandy Alexandra Rentz
Kristopher Thomas Reynolds
Trisha Alice Whiting

CUM LAUDE

Penelope Alysse Brobst
Rhonda Kay Burgerson
Brooks Ann Camper
Samantha Janet Cragar
Travis Wolfe Crudup
Staci Nicole Davis
Kimberly Claire Detillier
Wendy Lynn Hamon
Cynthia Michelle Holton
Meredith Kathryn Lonowski
John Andrew Love
Lynd Frost Matt
Christy Anne Palmer
Vickie Hankins Peters
Emily Elizabeth Robinson

Emily Margaret Schaumburg
Margaret Marie Scoville
LaNice Lynne Stanley

Bachelor of Arts Degree

- Erika Maria Atkinson, *English & Sociology*
Angela Dawn Baquero, *Biology*
Margaret Michelle Boutte', *Sociology*
* Penelope Alysse Brobst, *Political Science with Departmental Honors*
Loula Margaret Burton, *Psychology*
Brooks Ann Camper, *Theatre*
April Ramona Coleman, *Spanish*
Cynthia Elizabeth Cottrill, *English*
Matthew David Cox, *History*
Matthew Stephen Dame, *Communication: Film*
* Candice Michelle Endicott, *Psychology*
Carrie Lynn Ferguson, *Geology*
Amy Shea Festavan, *English*
Suzanna Jean Finnegan, *Communication: Professional Writing*
Aljay John Foreman, Jr., *Physics*
Emily Janelle Glass, *Communication: Professional Writing*
* Sheila Faye Graham, *Economics and French*
Ronald Wayne Graves, *Religion*
Amy Katherine Hall, *French*
Amy Katherine Hall, *Theatre*
* Tiffany Lynn Hanson, *Sociology with Departmental Honors*
Brandon Lee Helm, *Economics and Business Administration*
Alison Elizabeth Hersey, *Sociology with Departmental Honors*
* Meagan Monique Horn, *Psychology*
Monica Melissa Horton, *Sociology*
Christopher Shawn Humphreys, *Sociology*
Barbara Nell Jarrell, *Religion*
* Brian Gregory Johnson, *Communication: Film*
Craig William Johnson, *Sociology*
Brian P. Krouskop, *Psychology*
Meredith Kathryn Lonowski, *Psychology*
John Michael Love, *Communication: Professional Writing*
Joel Michael Lutz, *Economics*
* Lauren Jeffords Madigan, *Business and Economics with Departmental Honors*
Lisa Margaret Marino, *Biology*
* Lynd Frost Matt, *Christian Education*
Heather Lea McLelland, *French with Departmental Honors*
Elizabeth Anne Means, *History*
Cynthia Marie Melton, *Political Science*
* Melanie Joy Mendenhall, *English*
Thomas Eugene Meyers, *Sociology*
Amber Carrie Miles, *Psychology*
Dawn Sharee Montague, *Psychology*
Ryan Saxon Montcalm, *German*
Dennis M. Myatt III, *Communication: Professional Writing*
* Summer Darlene Neel, *Communication, Professional Writing*
* Sona Govind Patel, *English and Political Science*
* Jennifer Clark Pearson, *Geology with Departmental Honors*
* Vickie Hankins Peters, *History*
Leroy F. Philbrook, *Theatre*
* Kristopher Thomas Reynolds, *Economics*
Stephen P. Roell, *English with Emphasis in Communication*

- Thomas Valiyaveetil Samuel, *Communication: Professional Writing*
- * Julie Erin Sarpy, *English*
 - * Emily Margaret Schaumburg, *History*
Margaret Marie Scoville, *Theatre*
John Walter Shermer, *Performing Arts*
Kathryn Joan Spencer, *English*
LaNice Lynne Stanley, *Sociology with Departmental Honors*
 - * Annette Floyd Stewart, *Religion*
Heidi Lea Tate, *Dance*
Joshua Andrew Wagoner, *Sociology*
Scott Bryan Ware, *Psychology*
 - * Trisha Alice Whiting, *History with Departmental Honors*
Amanda R. Whorton, *Psychology*
Edward Robert Wicker, Jr., *English*
Neal Stanford Williams, *English*
Brian Charles Wilson, *Interdisciplinary Studies*
Jodi Leighanne Wilson, *Interdisciplinary Studies*
Alissa Shay Zeller, *Music*

Bachelor of Music

- * Mark Joseph Arcemont, *Organ Performance*
- * Jeremy Lee Bolom, *Orchestral Performance*
Jennifer Eleanor Dent, *Music Education: Instrumental*
- * Lynd Frost Matt, *Sacred Music*
Christopher Eugene McCleary, *Vocal Performance*

Bachelor of Science

- Kevin James Beaver, *Business Administration*
Jeanette Kendra Bingeman, *Business Administration*
Kedra Hughes-Branche, *Education*
Rhonda Kay Burgerson, *Health & Physical Education*
Scott Alan Burlison, *Biology*
Walter L. Camper III, *Health & Physical Education*
Krista Marie Camplen, *Elementary Education*
Verne Anthony Champagne, *Biology*
Amy Louise Coleman, *Health & Exercise Science*
Jeremie Lee Conley, *Biology*
Samantha Janet Cragar, *Accounting and Business Administration*
Travis Wolfe Crudup, *Biology*
Kristen Leigh Curtis, *Business Administration*
- * Staci Nicole Davis, *Mathematics*
 - * Catherine Elizabeth Bethea Dayton, *Biology with Departmental Honors*
 - * Kimberly Claire Detillier, *Biology*
Katrina Bronwyn Ernesto, *Business Administration*
 - * Michelle Mae Estrella, *Biology*
 - * David Montgomery Evans, *Business Administration*
Michael Antonio Farris, *Chemistry with Departmental Honors*
Holly Anne Fletcher, *Elementary Education*
Marcus James Foos, *Biology*
Rebecca Victoria Free, *Applied Science*
Edward Patrick Gardner, *Business Administration*
 - * Sheila Faye Graham, *Accounting*
 - * Wendy Lynn Hamon, *Mathematics*
 - * Frances Reagan Hardy, *Biology*
Jason Matthew Head, *Business Administration*
 - * Wendy Michelle Hill, *Business Administration*
 - * Cynthia Michelle Holton, *Elementary Education*
Mandy Elaine Hunter, *Mathematics*
James Lee Irish IV, *Business Administration*

- Gregory Scott Jackson, *Health & Exercise Science*
Joel Douglas Jowers, *Biology*
Penney Lynn Kersten, *Biology*
Rosemary Lynn Kimball, *Applied Science*
David Michael King, *Biology*
Julia Anne Knighton, *Applied Science*
James Peyton LaBorde, *Accounting*
Ryan Edward Lawrence, *Business Administration*
Robert Steven LeGrow, *Biology*
John Andrew Love, *Biochemistry*
Joel Michael Lutz, *Business Administration*
Malcolm David Martin, *Biology*
Michelle L. Marusak, *Elementary Education*
- * Kristen Jennifer Mavico, *Applied Science*
Toby Matthew Maxson, *Elementary Education*
 - * John Keegan McConnell, *Applied Science with Departmental Honors in Biology*
Carl Nicholas McKinney, Jr., *Business Administration*
Christopher Randel Means, *Geology*
Todd Alden Muslow, *Accounting*
Timothy Kirk Nelson, *Applied Science*
April Elizabeth Ogden, *Elementary Education*
 - * James Ryan O'Leary, *Mathematics*
David Duane Orr, *Health & Exercise Science*
Christy Anne Palmer, *Elementary Education with Departmental Honors*
 - * Kathryn Anne Pattullo, *Elementary Education*
Cara Faye Phillips, *Applied Science*
Carrie Lynn Phillips, *Business Administration*
Matt Allen Prysock, *Health & Exercise Science*
 - * Brandy Alexandra Rentz, *Health & Exercise Science and Psychology*
 - * Kristopher Thomas Reynolds, *Business Administration*
 - * Emily Elizabeth Robinson, *Biology*
Kasie Leigh Robison, *Elementary Education*
Paxton Gordon Ross, *Applied Science*
Sarah Grace Schurman, *Elementary Education*
Stephen Roge Simpson, *Biochemistry*
 - * Callie Anne Stanley, *Biology*
Michael James Stayner, *Business Administration*
Paul Anthony Stephens, *Health & Exercise Science*
Bobby Gene Ward, Jr., *Health & Exercise Science*
Kathryn Susan Ware, *Environmental Science*
 - * Shawna Lea Williamson, *Business Administration*
Keith Alan Wilson, *Business Administration*
Deborah Renea Wood, *Elementary Education*
Scott William Yerby, *Health & Exercise Science*
- * Alpha Chi National College Scholarship Society

Master of Business Administration

- Edward Allison Brown
Russell A. Bruce
Sherry Gwin Clifton
Linda Gage-White
James Prentice Gimber, Jr.
Orville Allison Griffey III
DiAnna C. Hoover

Gunnar Gera Kemnitz
Linda Lee Magill
Regina D. McDay
David Michael Miller
Jenny Mary Nickerson
Gregg A. Oliver
E. L. Dindo Rivera
Lucy Alonso Rivero
Raymond Woods Scriber
Todd Alan Simmons
Marilyn Rogers Smith
Joedonna Bryant Webb, Jr.
Jason Scott Weinland
Harold Ernest Williams
Jeffery B. Williams

Master of Arts in Teaching

Lana Gail Warrick

Master of Education

Carrie C. Ashmore-Bell, *Supervision of Instruction*
Stacey Anne Barnes, *Elementary Education*
Joshua Ethan Bernstein, *Secondary Education*
Nancy Calleen Brown, *School Administration*
Mary Marie Collier, *Elementary Education*
Milda Hill Eakin, *School Administration*
Patricia Carroll Edington, *School Administration*
Jennifer Kay Edwards, *School Administration*
Kate Pelot Fischer, *School Administration*
Stephanie Suzann Green-Koontz, *Secondary School Administration*
Suzette Kay Hadden, *School Administration*
Kathryn Bradley Harris, *Secondary Education*
Stacy Elizabeth Hood, *School Administration*
Beverly J. Hudson, *School Administration*
Sarah Strickland Johnson, *Secondary Education*
John H. LeBlanc, *Secondary Education*
Veronica Ann Loper, *Supervision of Instruction*
Cecilia Lilian Lopez-Pizarro, *School Administration*
James M. O'Donnell, *School Administration*
Shannon Graham Rehm, *Elementary Education*
Anthony L. Rinaudo III, *School Administration*
William Samuels, *School Administration*
Ronda Kay Smith, *School Administration*
Lisa Walker, *Supervision of Instruction*

Master of Science in Geology

Daphne R. Spillers

Honorary Degrees

Goodloe R. Stuck, *Doctor of Laws*
Daniel S. Goldin, *Doctor of Science*
Grayson B. Watson, *Doctor of Divinity*

Students Receiving Honors on April 17, 1997

Top Accounting Student
Sheila Faye Graham

Institute of Management Accountants
Sheila Faye Graham

Cecil E. Ramey, Jr. Frost School of Business Award
David Montgomery Evans

Frost School of Business Faculty Award
Lauren Jeffords Madigan

Chemistry Department Award
Michael Antonio Farris

Outstanding Elementary Education Award
Toby Matthew Maxson

D. L. Dykes Founder's Award in Field Education
Lynd Frost Matt
Elizabeth Anne Means

Outstanding Secondary Education Award
Jennifer Eleanor Dent

M. T. Brewerton Award in English
Melanie Joy Mendenhall
Julie Erin Sarpy
Edward Robert Wicker, Jr.

English Victory Award
Melanie Joy Mendenhall
Julie Erin Sarpy
Edward Robert Wicker, Jr.

Theodore T. Beck Award in French
Heather Lea McLelland

Health & Exercise Science Award
Brandy Alexandra Rentz

Tip Davidson Award in Health & Exercise Science
Rhonda Kay Burgerson
Gregory Scott Jackson

Judge Barnette Award
Sona Govind Patel

Leroy Vogel Award in History and Political Science
Penelope Alysse Brobst

M. T. Brewerton Award in History
Vickie Hankins Peters
Trisha Alice Whiting

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
Penelope Alyssee Brobst
Matthew David Cox
Sona Govind Patel

Estwig Award in Geology
Jennifer Clark Pearson

Merrill Award in Latin
Stephen P. Roell

John A. Hardin Award in Mathematics

James Ryan O'Leary

Choir Director's Award

Jennifer Eleanor Dent

Outstanding Senior Music Major

Mark Joseph Arcemont

White Music Scholarship

Jeremy Lee Bolom

Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society

Amber Carrie Miles

Psychology Outstanding Graduate

Dawn Sharee Montague

R. E. Smith Religion Award

Kathryn Anne Pattullo

Robert Ed Taylor Tau Kappa Epsilon Founder's Award

David Montgomery Evans

Thomas A. Pitt Award in Religion

Annette Floyd Stewart

C. Wright Mills Award in Sociology

Alison Elizabeth Hersey

Amber Carrie Miles

Departmental Award in Sociology

LaNice Lynne Stanley

W. Ferrell. Pledger Honor Award in Sociology

Tiffany Lynn Hanson

Centenary Gent

James Ryan O'Leary

Centenary Lady

Meagan Monique Horn

Charles M. Ross Fellowship for World Service

Lynd Frost Matt

Ellis H. Brown Leadership Award

David Montgomery Evans

Elizabeth Anne Means

George T. Kilovas Award

Kristopher Thomas Reynolds

Jim Sear's Outstanding Senior Leadership

David Michael King

Minority Leadership Award

Michelle Mae Estrella

Michael Antonio Farris

Julie Erin Sarpy

Pacesetters

David Montgomery Evans

David Michael King

Kathryn Anne Pattullo

Emily Elizabeth Robinson

Peggy Rountree Chi Omega Award

Katrina Bronwyn Ernesto

Phi Beta Lambda Student of the Year

Wendy Michelle Hill

Roy Williams Honorary Maroon Jacket

Cara Faye Phillips

Student Government Association Outstanding Senior and

Female Representative

Alissa Shay Zeller

Student Government Association Outstanding Senior and Male

Representative

David Montgomery Evans

Sue Solomon Chi Omega Award

Wendy Michelle Hill

Theta Chi Outstanding Leadership Award

Kristopher Thomas Reynolds

Wall Street Journal Award

Shawna Lea Williamson

Zeta Tau Alpha Alumni Recognition Award

Cara Faye Phillips

Zeta Tau Alpha Scholastic Award

Melanie Joy Mendenhall

Zeta Tau Alpha Virginia Shehee Award

Emily Elizabeth Robinson

Who's Who Among Students in

American Universities and Colleges

Brooks Ann Camper

Verne Anthony Champagne

Travis Wolfe Crudup

Staci Nicole Davis

Jennifer Eleanor Dent

Kimberly Claire Detillier

Candice Michelle Endicott

Katrina Bronwyn Ernesto

Michelle Mae Estrella

Michael Antonio Farris

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Melanie Joy Mendenhall

Timothy Kirk Nelson

Kathryn Anne Pattullo

Jennifer Clark Pearson

Cara Faye Phillips

Julie Erin Sarpy

Edward Robert Wicker, Jr.

Shawna Lea Williamson

PEOPLE: *Help us to shape such a world. Let our lives not be narrow and self-preoccupied.*

LEADER: Let us build broad highways, where all may walk together in beauty,
tending the gardens along the way.

PEOPLE: *As we journey through life, on new paths we have yet to explore, remind us we do
not walk alone.*

LEADER: In the joy of this day we give thanks for new beginnings which may seem like
endings but take us to new bends in the road...as the road goes ever forward.

CHORALE PRELUDE "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"Mr. William P. Lathan
Centenary Wind Ensemble

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREESPresident Kenneth L. Schwab
Mr. Roy S. Hurley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
and Dr. Lee Morgan, Acting Provost

ADDRESS.....The Honorable Daniel S. Goldin
Administrator,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONPresident Schwab

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AND STAFFDr. Morgan

INDUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 1997 INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....Mrs. Katherine T. Cheesman
President, Alumni Association

CONFERRING OF HONORS AND DEGREES IN COURSEPresident Schwab
and Dr. Morgan

* "ALMA MATER"led by Centenary Wind Ensemble
and Centenary College Choir

*Where the sleepy, silver bayou
Gleams among the pines,
Watching o'er the throbbing city
Alma Mater shines.*

CHORUS

*Forward, forward, Centenary –
Time and tide may fail,
But our hearts shall love thee ever –
Centenary, Hail!*

BENEDICTIONThe Reverend Grayson B. Watson
Pastor, Noel United Methodist Church

RECESSIONAL.....Centenary Wind Ensemble

*THE CONGREGATION WILL STAND

(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED DURING THE PROCESSIONAL AND THE RECESSIONAL.)

President and Mrs. Schwab cordially invite all guests and participants to a reception following Commencement exercises.

Grand Marshal - Dr. Alton Hancock Faculty Marshal - Dr. Earle Labor Ushers – Maroon Jackets

Academic Dress

Much interest is always occasioned by an academic procession because of the colorful dress worn for ceremonies by the faculty and the graduates. In general, the gown indicates the level of the highest degree held: for bachelors, the black gown with flowing, pointed sleeves; for masters, the black gown with sleeves slit midway for the arms, and the sleeve bottom closed flat with a semicircle cut in the side; for doctors, the flowing closed robe with sleeves closed at the wrist, decorated with chevrons of velvet, most often black on black, but occasionally with chevrons of another color indicating the university of origin, or the entire robe of another color, as the light blue of Columbia, the blue of Duke.

Caps are nearly uniform, gold tassels indicating the doctorate or doctoral equivalents, black tassels the lower degrees.

Most identification is contained in the hoods. The velvet edging is two inches wide for masters and three for doctors. Its color indicates the faculty (subject matter) in which the degree was earned: white for arts, letters, or humanities; drab for business; light blue for education; brown for fine arts; lemon for library science; pink for music; dark blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education; golden yellow for science; or scarlet for theology and divinity. The lining of the hood is a precise code identifying the university of the degree's origin. The variations from these descriptions are mostly from foreign universities.